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A HEROINE OF FRANCE

Recently there was celebrated at Rome, with all the pomp and circumstance of Roman Catholic ritual the canonization of the great heroine of France, Jeanne d'Arc, or, as she is more popularly known to English speaking people, Joan of Arc.

There is no more romantic page in all European history than the one that chronicles her achievements for her native land, and her tragic fate.

Whatever our religious opinions may be; whether we regard her as a fanatic, or as the inspired genius of her country, we must tender her our respect and admiration.

It was dark days for France. Philip of Burgundy had quarrelled with the King and lent his powerful assistance to the English, who were over-running the country. King Charles of France was as yet uncrowned and he was forced to watch from the various refuges to which he was hunted by the English the slow dismemberment of his Kingdom.

Jeanne d'Arc was the daughter of a peasant proprietor of Domremy, a little village of the Vosges mountains. She is reported to have been extremely good looking and of exemplary piety.

There was a tradition in France that the country would be saved by an armed virgin who would come from the marshes of Lorraine. It is difficult to tell how much the young girl may have been influenced by this prophecy. There is no doubt however that she was of an intense and mystic disposition.

Whilst attending her father's flocks among the solitary defiles of the mountains and meditating upon the misfortunes of her country, she began to hear voices in the air.

At first, during her adolescence, she did not pay attention to them.

As she grew to womanhood, she became very comely, and was importuned by many suitors. She gently rebuffed them all, however, and devoted much of her time to solitary prayer. She then became imbued with the idea that she had a mission to save France; and with the fervor of a religious enthusiast she made a journey to Vanoulem and beseeched the Governor, de Baudricourt, for an introduction to Charles saying that God would send him aid.

The Governor laughed at her and refused her request. Shortly afterwards, however, a strong army of English under the Earl of Salisbury invaded Orleans, which was the key to southern France.

She again interviewed Baudricourt and declared with great simplicity and impressiveness that it had been revealed to her that it was her mission to drive the invaders from the city of Orleans and to crown Charles at Reims.

This time her extraordinary earnestness made an impression on the Governor, and he sent her, under the escort of six men at arms to the pious court which the King maintained at Chinon.

Although she was not at first successful in obtaining access to the person of Charles, her importunity prevailed in the end, and she made a profound impression upon him.

Even Kings those days were not free from faith in omens, and Charles having in mind the ancient prophecy of the deliverance of France which was to be accomplished by a virgin, had a report made upon her chastity by a council of nuns and she was allowed to set forth with an army of 3,000 men at arms to drive the English from the city of Orleans.

The old chroniclers state that the enthusiasm with which she inspired her soldiers was extraordinary. She rode at the head of her army clad in mail, bearing a sword which was said to have been wielded by Charles Martel, an ancient Paladin of France, against the Saracens. She wore no helmet and the great cloud of her hair fell like a halo about her neck and breastplate. She carried in her hand a white standard, embroidered with the lilies of France, having on one side the image of God, seated in the clouds and holding the world in his hands.

At the head of her force she attacked the English who were investing Orleans with extraordinary skill and vigor and forced them to raise the siege.

She followed the invaders up and won a notable victory at Patay where the English were driven beyond Loire. She then sent a messenger to Charles to meet her at Reims where he was crowned in the ancient cathedral with Joan of Arc in her east of mail standing by his side.

She was wounded in an attempt to capture Paris which it is said failed through the weakness of the King. Charles, however, was not ungrateful and her family was ennobled under the name of Du Lis.

Shortly afterwards at the defence of Compeigne she was wounded and taken prisoner.

The King, whose country she had rescued and whom she had raised to the throne was apparently indifferent to her fate, and made no efforts to save her.

She was sold by John of Luxembourg and Burgundy to the English, who delivered her over to the Inquisition for trial. She was publicly accused as a heretic and witch; but on making her submission on the scaffold she received pardon.

She was still, however, a prisoner of the English who on a trivial excuse had her burned at the stake in the streets of Rouen.

Whatever our opinions may be about the spiritual nature of the revelations which are credited to this extraordinary girl, we cannot withhold from her our highest admiration for her noble, unselfish, and patriotic conduct. Her example undoubtedly nerve France in a time of darkness and despair to throw off the foreign yoke oppressing the country. Every possible attempt was made to blench her character, but she survived the ordeal without a stain. She is one of the greatest characters of all history.

One of the greatest and most eloquent of living Englishmen declared in a book that has a deservedly wide circulation, that the two greatest crimes which smirched the blazon of the British race have been that they treated Napoleon Bonaparte as a Corsican robber and Joan of Arc as a prostitute.

More than 500 years have passed over the world since she died an ignominious death in the cobble streets of Rouen, but her spirit and her memory still lives in the heart of her countrymen.

The story was told in a hundred bivouacs that she rode down the sky at the battle of the Marne and so acted as an inspiration to the soldiers of France that they were stimulated to such a fervor of courage and patriotism that they achieved the impossible and stopped the advance of the German hordes.

The canonization of Joan of Arc in this modern day and hour is the last act in the drama which commenced more than 500 years ago.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN

The most momentous happenings in Canada during the past week has been the announcement of the resignation of Sir Robert Borden.

The various daily papers according to their political affiliations have commented upon the resignation of the Premier, and the effect that his personality has had upon affairs in Canada. Some of these comments have been friendly and others the reverse; but through it all there is a note to the effect that he has filled the most difficult position that ever came to a Canadian in public life, with dignity and credit to his country.

Sir Robert Borden does not possess the magnetism or the popular qualities which in Sir John Macdonald and Sir Wilfrid Laurier captured the imagination of their countrymen; but he has kept a steady level head in time of national stress, and his conduct in high office has been such that some of his most noted political opponents were induced to forget the rancour of faction and party and give him their strongest support.

He came into power in 1911 as a Conservative. He defeated Sir Wilfrid Laurier on the reciprocity question, and, rightly, or wrongly, the Conservatives were elected at that time upon a policy of Canadian Nationalism and British Imperialism.

It is not our function here to set forth our opinions as to whether reciprocity was right or wrong; but at that time the majority of the people of Canada were against it.

The thunderbolt of the war changed the complexion of things entirely and the Premier was called upon to handle a situation unparalleled in the history of the Dominion. He early realized that the best brains of Canada should be called to counsel, irrespective of politics, and on the formation of a Union Government he gathered around him a remarkable body of able and patriotic Canadian public men.

Under him the Canadian army was mobilized and sent overseas, and under his leadership Canada for the first time received her status as a nation.

He was by no means the least considerable figure at the Peace Conference and his advice has been sought and given with due modesty on matters of the greatest international importance.

It is not to be wondered at that his health broke down under the strain; and despite a considerable period devoted to recuperation he finds himself advanced in years, and unable physically to bear the burden much longer. He will retain his seat in Parliament and his successor will doubtless profit much by his advice.

The Union Government of which he was the head has been severely criticised. It has made mistakes; that was unavoidable; conditions were new, and there was no precedent to guide. The warring factions had to be reconciled, and political ambitions and asperities forgotten; and that Sir Robert Borden was able to maintain a strong Government during the war and for some considerable time afterwards is a wonderful tribute to his ability and judgment.

The destinies of Canada have been guided by some great and patriotic men, and history in its pages will record them, but not the last amongst them will be written the name of Robert Laird Borden.

Then the Fun Began



The PERSONAL SIDE

PROMINENT WESTERN CHARACTERS—SOME INTERESTING ANECDOTES OF PEOPLE WE ALL KNOW

THE BISHOP AND HIS MINISTRATIONS

We told this story some time ago in another publication, but perhaps it may be new to a number of our readers and we are, therefore, taking the occasion of publishing it again.

There is a pioneer bishop of the Anglican Church who rules over a wide diocese in Western Canada. He is a prelate of patriarchal mien, and ample dignity.

During the course of the war the clergymen of the Anglican parishes of the city in which he has his ecclesiastical home, were greatly overworked owing to the number of incumbents who were on service overseas. The rector of one of the principal churches was very busy and on this coming to the attention of the good bishop he called his subordinate up over the telephone and offered to assist him.

He said "If there are any baptisms, marriages, funerals or similar functions pending, I should be pleased to relieve you of them, my dear sir."

The harassed clergyman was glad to avail himself of this offer and informed his lordship there was a christening scheduled for the following forenoon, and he would be greatly obliged if he would take it.

Accordingly, the following morning the bishop appeared. He donned his ecclesiastical garb in the vestry, and peered out into the church. Two ladies, one a comely matron, and the other apparently a youthful spinster, were seated quietly in the church.

Undoubtedly, thought the bishop, this is the christening party; but there was no baby in evidence. He retired again to the vestry and waited another quarter of an hour. He is the sort of punctuality, and he was vexed. He thought the baby had been delayed owing to some dilatory nurse. He fumed about in the vestry for a little and then, not able to restrain himself any longer walked into the church and with stately tread and full canonicals approached the younger of the two ladies, who was kneeling devoutly at her devotions.

He touched her gently on the arm and as she turned to him he said, "I believe you are expecting a baby."

The young lady started violently, flushed a rosy red, seemed bereft of speech for a moment; then she replied tartly: "I am doing no such thing."

At that moment the real christening party arrived in the church and the bishop performed the ceremony to the satisfaction of all concerned.

BORDEN'S MILK BUSINESS

During the 1911 campaign a party organizer in the city of Vancouver was addressing a meeting in favor of reciprocity. He was particularly violent in his attacks against Sir Robert Borden, the Conservative leader. As he was facing a labor audience he represented Sir Robert as a plutocrat and a capitalist; one particularly obnoxious to the laboring classes. Some one asked him, from the crowd if Sir Robert was really a rich man.

"Oh, yes," replied the speaker. "He is worth millions."

"How did he make it?" persisted the man in the audience.

The speaker was not a bit non-plussed.

"Don't you know," he replied. "He is the proprietor of the Borden brand of condensed milk."

PRISONERS MAKE DARING ESCAPE FROM U.S. JAIL

Twenty-two prisoners, including two lifers, escaped from the Marion jail in Indiana, a few days ago, after having knocked the night jailer unconscious, and taking his keys as he was making the rounds.

The first the police knew of the delivery was when a patrolman on an outlying beat reported he had arrested three suspicious looking characters in the railroad yards and found they were inmates supposed to be confined at the jail. On investigation the night jailer was found lying unconscious in the corridor. One of the prisoners had saved a bar from his cell and knocked him over the head with it as he was making the rounds, took his keys, released the others and the whole of them walked out of the building without being noticed. It was several hours later that the escape was discovered.

Special details of police were called out and were scouring the city and searching all outgoing

trains but at an early hour none of the others had been apprehended.

Four of twenty-four prisoners who escaped from the Marion county jail recently, have been recaptured. They escaped about one o'clock, after knocking unconscious the night jailer with an iron bar saved from a cell, unbolting several doors with his keys and walking out of the main entrance of the building, which is just across the street from police headquarters. The whole jail delivery was not discovered until an hour later, and then only by the accidental capture of two of the fugitives by policemen who were investigating a reported holdup near the Erie railroad yards.

Heavy Rains in Alberta

Alberta farmers are very jubilant at present on account of the recent heavy rains which came at a most opportune time. Local experts state that the present moisture is sufficient to carry rice through to harvest and sufficient for three weeks so far as wheat, oats, barley and flax are concerned. In the vicinity the long dry spell has been broken by thunderstorms which practically covered every district. Rain is still falling in many places in the southern part of the province this benefited, though there is little chance that the whole district will reap more than half a crop.

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Chocolate bars, all kinds, including Lowrey's, 5c, at Blundell's.

Mrs. E. L. Stong is spending this week in Maple Creek visiting her parents.

The league football game which Redcliff was to have played in the last night against the Independents, was postponed until tonight.

Mrs. F. Connam returned home last Saturday from Young, Sask., where she has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Brower.

Mr. M. Johnson, inspector for mines was in town Tuesday. He inspected the different mines here and found everything satisfactory.

Stewart Photographs are wonderful little machines. Play all kinds of records. \$15.50 at Blundell's.

At a well attended meeting of the Dominion Labor party in Medicine Hat it was decided to draw up a prospectus for a co-operative store and apply for a charter.

That was some rain we had last Sunday night and Monday morning. The rain was general in this district and has greatly improved crop prospects.

Mrs. Donald McLachlan and her two daughters left on Tuesday for Toronto where they will visit for the summer. Mr. McLachlan left the same evening for Vancouver on a pleasure trip.

F. H. Courtland is now sporting a fine new Baby Grand Chev. No girls, its no use, Fred says he got it to Court-Hill. Still it's a five passenger, you might get a seat in the parquet.

Mrs. Sadie Lepage arrived in Redcliff last Friday and will make her home here with her mother, Mrs. McLammond. Mrs. Lepage left her old home in Scotland about three weeks ago.

In our report of the prize winners at the Rex Springs picnic we made a few errors. In the half-mile trot Floyd Morgan got second prize. In the backing contest the first prize was won by Halter.

Mayor Brown of Medicine Hat, host a wire from Montreal stating that both Premier Stewart, of Alberta, who is now in Montreal, and President Hanna of the C. N. R., had given definite assurance that they would do everything possible to facilitate the completion of the Hanna-Redcliff branch of the C. N. R. this summer.

Messrs. Cuthbertson and Berthiaume of the Winnipeg office, passed through town on Monday for Medicine Hat where they enquired for Ottawa as a delegation from this district to interview the government officials with regard to the building of the Hanna branch of the C. N. R. this summer.

Get your favorite newspaper, magazines, old country papers, etc., at Blundell's.

Chan See Yan, president of Chinese National League for Canada, was in Redcliff yesterday and addressed the Chinese here in the Chinese reading room. In his address he strongly advised all Chinese to associate themselves with the Christian churches and take advantage of every opportunity to educate themselves in the laws and ideals of Canada.

Farmers of this district are again reminded of the big meeting to be held in Buffalo on Saturday afternoon, July 24th, at 2 o'clock. This will be a joint meeting of all the U. P. A. branches in district No. 3, and so matters of importance to the district as a whole will be brought up, a full attendance is urgently requested. Among the speakers for the occasion will be Messrs. Harris, Platt and Burgess, prominent officials of the local organization.

CARD OF THANKS.

We, the undersigned, desire to take this opportunity to thank all those who supported us in the recent election for school trustees, and all those who helped in any way to bring about our success at the polls.

Since we have been elected as representatives on the school board we will endeavor to perform the duties devolving on the office for the general good of the town as a whole, to the best of our ability.

Signed,
F. H. COURTNEY,
JAMES DUGGAN,
GEO. DUNNEN.

Army of Laborers Needed for the Harvest

Thirty thousand extra farm hands will be needed in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta to harvest the 1926 crop, it was estimated by government officials and railway heads, attending the annual harvest help conference.

As usual, eastern Canada, is expected to supply the larger proportion of the harvesters. Low fares and high wages are the attraction. From eastern points the fare will be \$15 and from Winnipeg at the rate of one-half cent a mile. Wages are from \$5 to \$6 a day but may go higher if the demand exceeds the supply.

Provisions of Benefit To Returned Soldiers

Provisions that will prove of great benefit to returned soldiers, their widows and dependents, are contained in two orders in council just passed by the government, endorsing certain important recommendations recently submitted by the parliamentary committee on re-establishment. The first order-in-council extends the time in which a man who served overseas may apply for his gratuity. The time originally set as the limit in which he might apply was July 1, 1926, but this has been extended to March 31, 1927. This payment of the dependents' portion of the war service gratuity to widows of armed soldiers is authorized for the first time in the second order-in-council.

CHURCH NOTICES

CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Until further notice services will be held in Crowe's hall on the fourth Sunday of each month.

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Evening service at 7 o'clock; topic: "The One Lost Sheep."
Dr. Shearer will conduct services at Rex Springs school house at 2 o'clock on Sunday afternoon.

ENGLISH CHURCH.

Holy communion 9 a. m.; matins 11 a. m.
Sunday school 12:15.
Evening 7:30.
Friday evening, evening at 7:30 o'clock. Choir practice at 8 o'clock.

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CARD OF THANKS.

To the Electors of Redcliff School District—

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I tender you my hearty thanks for your generous support at the election of school trustees on Monday, the 12th instant.

Yours very truly,
GEO. DUNNEN

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